



“CHILD MALTREATMENT: REPORTS VICTIMS AND FATALITIES”

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2004 National Statistics

- Nationwide in 2004, an estimated 3,503,000 children were accepted by state and local CPS as alleged victims of child maltreatment for investigation or assessment, a rate of 47.8 per 1,000 children in the U.S. population.
- In 2004, an estimated 872,000 children were substantiated as victims of child abuse and neglect, a rate of 11.9 per 1,000 children in the U.S. population.
- In 2004, 62.4% of substantiated cases were children who were victims of neglect, while approximately 17.5% suffered from physical abuse, 9.7% were sexually abused, emotional or psychological maltreatment represented 7%, and medical neglect accounted for 2.1%. Additionally, 14.5% of the children were reported to be victims of “other” types of maltreatment, including abandonment, threats of harm, and congenital drug addiction. The maltreatment percentage totals more than 100 percent because many children were victims of more than one type of maltreatment and coded more than once.
- In 2004, an estimated 1,490 children died as a result of child abuse and neglect, approximately four children die everyday. The estimated rate of deaths per 100,000 U.S. children in the population is 2.03.
- Children 0-3 years of age accounted for 81.0% of child fatalities, while children under one year of age accounted for 45.0% of child fatalities.
- The breakdown of type of maltreatment leading to fatalities are as follows: 35.5% neglect, 30.2% combinations of maltreatments, 28.3% physical abuse, 3.9% psychological maltreatment or other type, 1.4% medical neglect, and 0.8% sexual abuse.

National Child Maltreatment Trends (2000-2004)

Table 1. Children Subjects of CPS Investigations or Assessments.

Reporting Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Child Population	72,342,618	72,603,552	72,846,774	73,043,506	73,277,988
Estimated Number*	3,038,000	3,136,000	3,198,000	3,382,000	3,503,000
Rate Per 1,000 Children*	42.0	43.2	43.9	46.3	47.8
% Change in Rate 2000 to 2004	----- 13.8% -----				

* Estimated numbers and rates for all years are from Child Maltreatment 2004, Page 35, Table 3-3.

Table 2. Child Maltreatment Victims.

Reporting Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Child Population	72,342,618	72,603,552	72,846,774	73,043,506	73,277,988
Estimated Number*	883,000	905,000	897,000	893,000	872,000
Rate Per 1,000 Children*	12.2	12.5	12.3	12.2	11.9
% Change in Rate 2000-2004	----- -2.5% -----				

*Estimated numbers and rates for all years are from Child Maltreatment 2004, Page 35, Table 3-3.

Table 3. Child Maltreatment Fatalities.

Reporting Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Child Population	72,342,618	72,603,552	72,846,774	73,043,506	73,277,998
Estimated Number*	1,330	1,420	1,510	1,460	1,490
Rate Per 100,000 Children*	1.84	1.96	2.07	2.00	2.03
% Change in Rate 2000-2004	----- 10.3% -----				

*Estimated numbers and rates are from Child Maltreatment 2004, Page 69, Table 4-2.

Data source:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families. Child Maltreatment 2004: (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2006).

The report is available from the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information by calling (800) FYI-3366 or on the Internet. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm04/cm04.pdf>

Table 4. 2004 Child Maltreatment Victims by State* (Ascending Order by Rate)

State	Child Population	Total Victims	Victims Per 1,000 Children
Pennsylvania	2,837,009	4,647	1.6
New Hampshire	304,994	948	3.1
New Jersey	2,156,059	8,159	3.8
Virginia	1,804,900	6,959	3.9
Washington	1,486,020	6,730	4.5
Arizona	1,547,260	7,344	4.7
Idaho	372,411	1,856	5.0
Wyoming	116,932	678	5.8
Minnesota	1,240,280	8,183	6.6
Missouri	1,384,542	9,616	6.9
Wisconsin	1,307,986	9,325	7.1
Kansas	683,491	4,895	7.2
Nevada	603,596	4,377	7.3
Mississippi	749,569	5,674	7.6
Colorado	1,178,889	9,578	8.1
Texas	6,266,779	50,891	8.1
Delaware	193,506	1,581	8.2
Montana	208,093	1,753	8.4
Vermont	134,894	1,138	8.4
Alabama	1,094,533	9,414	8.6
Illinois	3,238,150	29,150	9.0
Louisiana	1,164,961	10,862	9.3
South Carolina	1,024,700	9,950	9.7
South Dakota	190,874	1,917	10.0
California	9,596,463	98,201	10.2
Tennessee	1,391,289	14,840	10.7
Arkansas	676,550	7,276	10.8
Maryland	1,394,808	15,180	10.9
Nebraska	434,566	4,785	11.0
Michigan	2,533,439	28,035	11.1
Indiana	1,600,295	18,869	11.8
North Dakota	138,955	1,668	12.0
Hawaii	298,693	3,629	12.1
New Mexico	492,287	6,150	12.5
Rhode Island	243,813	3,068	12.6
North Carolina	2,118,492	29,085	13.7
Oregon	852,357	11,759	13.8
Oklahoma	859,870	12,483	14.5
Maine	282,129	4,235	15.0
Ohio	2,779,212	43,093	15.5
Connecticut	838,788	13,285	15.8
New York	4,572,363	74,483	16.3
Utah	740,114	13,559	18.3
Kentucky	980,187	19,186	19.6
Iowa	680,437	13,804	20.3
District of Columbia	109,547	2,378	21.7
West Virginia	384,641	8,446	22.0
Georgia	2,332,567	52,851	22.7
Massachusetts	1,464,189	36,201	24.7
Florida	4,003,290	129,914	32.5
Alaska			
Total	73,089,769	872,088	
Weighted Rate Per 1,000 Children			11.9

*Information in this table is taken from Child Maltreatment 2004, Page 34, Table 3-2.

Table 5. 2004 Child Maltreatment Fatalities by State* (Ascending Order by Rate)

State	Child Population	Total Child Fatalities	Fatalities Per 100,000 Children
New Hampshire	304,994	0	0.00
North Dakota	138,955	0	0.00
Vermont	134,894	0	0.00
Nevada	603,596	2	0.33
Washington	1,486,020	7	0.47
Delaware	193,506	1	0.52
Maine	282,129	2	0.71
Minnesota	1,240,280	10	0.81
Massachusetts	1,464,189	12	0.82
Wisconsin	1,307,986	11	0.84
Oregon	852,357	8	0.94
Montana	208,093	2	0.96
Alabama	1,094,533	11	1.00
Connecticut	838,788	9	1.07
Idaho	372,411	4	1.07
Tennessee	1,391,289	15	1.08
Kansas	683,491	8	1.17
Iowa	680,437	8	1.18
Rhode Island	243,813	3	1.23
Utah	740,114	10	1.35
California	9,596,463	140	1.46
Pennsylvania	2,837,009	42	1.48
Arizona	1,547,260	23	1.49
Louisiana	1,164,961	18	1.55
New York	4,572,363	71	1.55
Virginia	1,804,900	28	1.55
South Dakota	190,874	3	1.57
New Jersey	2,156,059	34	1.58
New Mexico	492,287	8	1.63
Arkansas	676,550	12	1.77
Hawaii	298,693	6	2.01
Maryland	1,394,808	28	2.01
South Carolina	1,024,700	21	2.05
Florida	4,003,290	86	2.15
Ohio	2,779,212	61	2.19
Mississippi	749,569	19	2.53
Nebraska	434,566	11	2.53
Illinois	3,238,150	85	2.62
Colorado	1,178,889	35	2.97
West Virginia	384,641	12	3.12
Texas	6,266,779	212	3.38
Wyoming	116,932	4	3.42
Missouri	1,384,542	48	3.47
Kentucky	980,187	38	3.88
Georgia	2,332,567	98	4.20
Oklahoma	859,870	39	4.54
District of Columbia	109,547	5	4.56
Indiana	1,600,295	77	4.81
Alaska			
Michigan			
North Carolina			
Total	68,437,838	1,387	
Weighted Rate Per 100,000 children			2.03

*Information in this table is taken from Child Maltreatment 2004, Page 68, Table 4-1.